# NCTE PRESENTATION TO THE NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2022

# **Introduction & Purpose**

NCTE President & Executive Board

Purpose of the presentation

#### Mission of NCTE

Advisory Body to the State Board of Education

Members are approved by the State Board of Education

Representation from of state-wide organizations with a direct involvement in teacher and administrative preparation and from higher education institutions in Nebraska which are approved by the State Board of Education.

Unique structure with input from all stakeholders

One other state (Georgia) has a similar process

#### NEBRASKA STATE RULES & REGULATIONS - PURPOSE OF NCTE

#### Advise and recommend for State Board of Education approval and adoption:

Rule 20 - REGULATIONS FOR THE APPROVAL OF TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Rule 21 - REGULATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES AND PERMITS TO TEACH, PROVIDE SPECIAL SERVICES, AND ADMINISTER IN NEBRASKA SCHOOLS

Rule 23 - REGULATIONS FOR THE BASIC SKILLS COMPETENCY TESTING OF TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Rule 24 - REGULATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENTS

### **Membership**

Equal representation from

Nebraska Council of School Administrators (NCSA)

Includes two members from Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB)

Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA)

Includes two teachers appointed by the State Board of Education

Nebraska Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)

Includes one representative from each approved Teacher Prep program

#### **Ad-Hoc Committee**

Comprised of P-20 Professional Educators, Subject Matter Experts, and NDE Staff

Balanced Representation with regard to geographic location and state board district, gender, ethnicity, grade level, academic subject area, and school enrollment size

Purpose is to review and update the criteria for endorsements in the specified areas

#### **Meeting Structure**

NCTE Full Council Meetings - 3 times/year (Fall, Spring, Summer)

Meetings conducted under the Nebraska Open Meetings Act

Including a public comment section

Executive Committee Meetings - 3 times/year

Agenda must be set and posted 30 days prior to the full NCTE Meeting

All information relating to NCTE is on the NDE website

### **NCTE** Meeting Agenda Format

#### **General session**

Open meeting announcement and public comment

Approval/review of prior meeting minutes

#### **Informational Session**

Topics of general interest for NCTE

Guest speakers

Updates from NDE staff on Rules, program approvals, endorsement updates

## **NCTE Meeting Agenda Format**

#### Committee Meetings

Membership is divided into three equal committees

Committees include a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary

Committee Chair serves on Executive Committee

#### Agenda items include

Discussion on endorsements, discussion on Rule, agenda topics, (ie: teacher shortage)

Report back the work of the morning committee session to the full council

## **NCTE Meeting Agenda Format**

#### **Second General Session**

Reports from committee work

Recommendations for full NCTE approval

Accept the proposed endorsement at this 2nd session

Recommend the proposed endorsement be held until the next full council meeting

Recommend the proposed endorsement be routed back to the Ad-Hoc committee for further consideration

### Process for Approval and Recommendation to State Board

Ad-Hoc Committee

NCTE - First and Second Hearings

Public Hearings

State Board of Education

Attorney General

Governor

#### Recent Work and Success of NCTE

Endorsements - Five have gone through the process since 2019 and are waiting approval

Teacher shortage

Certification flexibility

Position statements on these initiatives coming in spring 2023

## **Challenges facing NCTE**

Recruitment of Educators

Retention

Improve perception and marketing of the profession

Certification barriers including alternate pathways that demonstrate competency

## **Closing Summary**

Role of State Board of Education is impactful and your work makes a difference!

"NCTE understands the importance of being in a state that has an elected board of education that supports local control with a focus on quality education for all students in Nebraska."